

## SPEED HAS THE PAPERS

Can Criminal Proceedings Be Instituted?

### A PARTIAL INVESTIGATION

Additional Evidence Has Inspired Close Inquiry.

Cuthrie, O. T., Sept. 5.—It has been strongly intimated around the territorial offices in this city during the past few days that certain territorial and federal officials have considered the advisability of instituting a criminal case against James J. Houston, former secretary of the territorial board for leasing school lands, on account of alleged "crookedness" in the leasing of territorial school lands, in the new country—the counties of Kiowa, Caddo and Comanche. The representative of the Eagle has it from a reliable source today that all papers and information in the Houston case have been turned over to the United States District Attorney Horace Speed, by Governor Ferguson, for the purpose of looking up whether or not criminal action can be brought against Mr. Houston.

The territorial board for leasing school land made a partial investigation of matters relating to Mr. Houston's actions in leasing matters. While no finding was ever made against the former secretary, the evidence was of such a character that Governor Ferguson determined that he should not be retained in office. Since Mr. Houston's removal, additional evidence has been secured which reflects more seriously upon his official acts, and it is evidently on account of this information which reached Governor Ferguson that the papers were turned over to United States Attorney Speed.

Governor Ferguson, when asked about the matter, positively declined to discuss it, and made no comment upon the suggestion that United States Attorney Speed already had the papers in his possession. According to the statements made by Governor Ferguson a few days ago, he is evidently convinced that there was collusion in the leasing of school land in the new country, and that if a federal case is made against Mr. Houston, other persons alleged to have been in on the deal will be shown up.

Since the papers have been turned over to the United States attorney it is certain that the former secretary of the board for leasing school land will be prosecuted, if possible. Owing to the fact that the school land is still government property, and only held in trust by the territory, it is a case of a federal nature, if brought.

## FIRE AT TONKAWA

EXPLOSION OF DYNAMITE CAUSES HEAVY LOSS OF GOODS.

Fire Department of Blackwell Is Asked for Aid.

Blackwell, O. T., Sept. 5.—An explosion of dynamite, followed by fire, wiped out two stocks of goods and one of the best business buildings in Tonkawa, Thursday morning. As an invoice was being taken of the hardware stock of Scott, Bull & Pfeifferberger, it was discovered that the box in which dynamite was stored was on fire. A rush was made for water with which to extinguish the fire, but before anything could be done there was an explosion of dynamite, followed almost instantly by another, says the News.

The building was located on a corner, facing the south, and the explosion was so violent that it blew out the west wall of the building, and Charles Pfeifferberger, a boy who was in the store at the time, was blown through the wall and was picked up on the other side of the street in a badly bruised condition.

In the second story of the building was the telephone exchange and the dentist office of Dr. Wolf. When the wall went out George Kunkler, the manager of the telephone, was caught under the falling brick and seriously bruised, while Dr. McClelland, dentist, was blown out into the street.

Charles Legerot, a prominent farmer,

## Rheumatism

What is the use of telling the rheumatic that he feels as if his joints were being dislocated?

He knows that his sufferings are very much like the tortures of the rack. What he wants to know is what will permanently cure his disease.

That, according to thousands of grateful testimonials, is

### Hood's Sarsaparilla

It promptly neutralizes the acid in the blood on which the disease depends, completely eliminates it, and strengthens the system against its return. Try Hood's.

was probably fatally injured. He was just entering the store when the explosion occurred, and as the front of the building was blown out his face was cut to pieces with flying glass, while a large cushion fell from the building and crushed one of his legs so badly that it will have to be amputated. It is a question whether he will live.

J. P. Mueselmann, who was standing across the street at the time, had one of his arms nearly severed by a piece of 8 1/2 inch plate glass. A number of other persons were more or less injured by flying objects, while all the glass fronts on the opposite side of the street were wrecked by the force of the explosion.

The building was a two-story brick, with a frontage of fifty feet, containing two stores, the Scott, Bull & Pfeifferberger hardware store, and Jaroleman & Alsapaul's dry goods store. Flames immediately followed the explosion and both stores of goods were completely wiped out and the building refused to smoldering long. The loss is estimated at about \$40,000, which is only partly covered by insurance.

When the fire broke out Tonkawa telegraphed to Blackwell to send down her fire department. The appeal was at once responded to by Blackwell, but just as the Blackwell fire apparatus was loaded on a flat car and ready to start, a telegram was received stating that the Tonkawa fire company had the fire under control and could keep it from spreading.

## CASTORIA.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

CAPTURED 102 CAMELS.

Several Officers and Soldiers Reported to Have Been Killed.

Ain Sofra, Sept. 5.—A band of brigands attacked a convoy today in the vicinity of El Munagar, and carried off 102 camels after a severe fight, in which several officers and soldiers are reported to have been killed. Details of the affair are lacking.

### ADVERTISED LETTERS.

List of letters remaining in the post-office at Wichita, Kansas, unclaimed for the week ending September 5. In closing for any of these letters say advertised, giving the date:

**Ladies' List.**  
Abbott, Nettie B.  
Brown, M. R.  
Baker, Susie  
Boswell, Lizzie  
Bland, Nancy  
Blade, Myrtle  
Barr, Miss A. M.  
Barram, Mrs. G. D.  
Baylor, Ida C.  
Crockett, Mattie  
Cressler, Ida  
Croft, Nellie  
Calvin, Daisy  
Clary, Minnie  
Carlton, Louise  
Cartor, Cora  
DeMont, Katie  
Doerkner, Mabel  
Dorsey, Mrs. T. K.  
Donovan, Mabel  
Donovan, Blanche  
Dunn, Bell  
Davis, Mrs. A. R.  
Freed, Nancy  
Gauliger, Emma  
Glatke, Mrs. Chas.  
Gisham, Ernest  
H. H.  
Holdman, Mary  
Holt, Mrs. U. G.  
Hollingsworth, M.  
Hoskins, Mrs. W.  
Hubbard, Hanna  
Humphrey, Nora  
Hunt, Mrs. D. W.  
Hill, Mrs. D. H.  
Johnston, J.  
Kelley, Hilda  
King, Bertha  
Laurie, Louise  
Merritt, Mrs. L.  
Miller, Mrs. A. A.  
McCorkle, Hattie

### Gentlemen's List.

Lynd, Geo. S.  
Maples, Basius  
Marshall, Will  
Marshall, Y. T.  
Mathews, C. S.  
Monk, Chas.  
Muller, Robert  
Muller, E. G.  
Muller, Alvin  
Muller, R. H.  
Morrin, D. C.  
Nearing, Mars  
Ouster, James  
Patterson, Chas.  
Pate, Ray  
Peterson, J. E.  
Phillips, Chas.  
Price, Chas.  
Price, L. S.  
Richardson, Mr.  
Riggs, E. F.  
Riley, Frank  
Rowe, J. N.  
Rutter, W. R.  
Rumrill, Wm.  
Raboux, A. O. D.  
Reid, J.  
Reynolds, Henry A.  
Ritter, J. F.  
Ritterberger, Al  
Ritter, W. G.  
Reynolds, Tom  
Reynolds, S.  
Schoring, Chas.  
Schaffner, Chas. E.  
Shedden, Tom  
Solters, Chas.  
Simpson, J. C.  
Snider, Geo.  
Spencer, J. W.  
Stoner, Duvo  
Stoner, Frank  
Smith, Andrew  
Smith, Fred  
Smith, Ed.  
Smith, W. G.  
Sevens, J. K.  
Tabor, C. H.  
Thurman, Jacob  
Timmons, P. S.  
Turner, W. A.  
Turner, John  
Travers, Archie  
Turner, W. A.  
White, W. R.  
Wooden, W. H.  
Ward, George  
Wrightman, B. A.  
Weiman, Frank  
Weiman, Chas. H.  
Westcott, G. C.  
Whitson, Dave  
Wyman, W. R.  
Williams, Clyde  
Lyon, E. N.

## AIDS BANKS BY DEPOSITS

St. Louis Institution Drawn on for Fair Funds.

### ARE SHORT OF CASH

Secretary Shaw Accepts City Bonds for Security.

Chicago, Sept. 5.—Secretary Shaw was in Chicago today on his way to Deadwood, S. D., to attend a meeting of the American Mining Congress. It was understood that he had taken action to relieve the St. Louis banks from the strain incident to expenditures on account of the Louisiana Purchase exposition. Asked as to what action he had taken, Secretary Shaw said:

"The banks at St. Louis have advanced directly probably three millions of the ten millions expended upon the exposition grounds and buildings and indirectly nearly the entire amount. In addition to this they have advanced two or three millions in concessionaires. They are now facing the annual demand for money to move crops and are shipping out from \$200,000 to \$300,000 per day. The government, in a certain sense, has accepted a co-partnership interest in the exposition. At least, it has appropriated \$5,000,000 to aid the exposition. This is available only to meet the current expenditures.

"To relieve the present situation I have arranged to deposit two and one-half millions in the banks of St. Louis. This would be of no advantage to the banks if they were compelled to purchase government bonds as security therefor. They have tried to borrow the bonds, but they are not available. In order to assist the banks such securities as the banks can furnish must be accepted. The banks can furnish such securities as the legislature of New York has approved for savings banks, and I have agreed to accept the same as security for the two and a half million dollars as 50 per cent of their par value. In other words, the banks will deposit five millions of state and municipal bonds, such as New York approves as security for money belonging to widows and orphans, and upon this five millions the government will deposit two and a half millions. This, however, is intended as a temporary loan and will be gradually recalled as the five millions appropriated are expended. The banks designated to receive \$500,000 each are the State National, First National, Fourth National, National Bank of Commerce and Merchants' Laclede National."

## RIOTERS ARE CONVICTED.

Danville Sheriff and His Deputies Give Evidence.

Danville, Ill., Sept. 5.—Verdicts of guilty were returned shortly after midnight against twelve rioters who assaulted the Danville jail on July 2. The following were found guilty: Bessie Dodge, Winfield Baker, Jack Alton, William Redwine, Minnie Mobaker, John Isam, Isaac Newsum, Slade, John Robertson, Thomas Bell, Horace Murphy, Adam Merry and D. L. Menard. Richard Roberts and John Knees were found not guilty. The charge was "assaulting the Danville jail with intent to commit murder."

The trial of the fourteen defendants has been on for several days. Most of the defendants have tried to prove alibi or to prove that they were innocent bystanders. Sheriff Whitlock and his deputies, who defended the jail, said the result of the mob by the use of shot guns and revolvers, thus saving a negro prisoner from being lynched, identified all those convicted.

### DIAMONDS ARE STOLEN.

Was Taking Them From the Window When He Was Up.

Columbus, O., Sept. 5.—Diamonds valued at \$1,000 were stolen from the loan shop of M. J. Daniels on South High street at 11:30 tonight. Mr. Daniels was taking the diamonds from the window when two men walked into the store and pushing revolvers into his face ordered him to throw up his hands. One of the men grabbed the diamonds, which were in a tray, and both ran out of the door and appeared in an alley.

A man identified by the Daniels clerk as one of the robbers was caught later in the Hocking Valley railroad yards and died suddenly after being taken to the city prison. There was nothing on his person to give a clue to his name. The cause of death is a mystery, there being no evidence that the man had been hurt. The diamonds were not recovered.

### INVITES MR. PALMA.

President of San Domingo Extends Courtesies to a Neighbor.

Havana, Sept. 5.—President Alejandro Weyla Y. G. of the republic of Santo Domingo, has invited President Palma to participate in the inauguration of the president of the Dominican republic.

President Palma will spend most of the present month in making a tour of eastern Cuba.

## BLOOD POISON

Have You?

COOK REMEDY CO., 1500 Broadway, Chicago, Ill.

## PENNYROYAL PILLS

CHICHESTER'S ENGLISH

DR. DIX'S

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## SAID TO BE DYING.

County Attorney of Sumner County in Serious Condition.

Word was received in the city yesterday that Ema E. Wilson, the county attorney of Sumner county, who recently returned to his home in Belle Plaine in a serious condition both mentally and physically after a mysterious disappearance, was in a dying condition and that there were little hopes entertained by his family and friends for his recovery. Many reports have been published and spread abroad regarding his condition, some of which intimated that his illness was a farce, but the report brought to this city yesterday was from Belle Plaine and is said to be genuine.

Wilson, it will be remembered, disappeared from his home at Belle Plaine about two months ago, and a few days later his wife received a letter from him written at Topeka, stating that he contemplated suicide. About the same time the Topeka authorities found some of the clothing belonging to Wilson on the banks of the Kaw river and the general supposition was that he had fulfilled his word and had committed suicide. After his disappearance it was discovered that some of the county funds were also missing and a search was begun for Wilson. The search was in vain, however, and nothing was learned of the whereabouts of the missing attorney until one morning about a month after his disappearance, when he was found in an unconscious condition at the door of his home in Belle Plaine. He was in an extremely emaciated condition and mentally unbalanced. Since then his condition is said to have varied, sometimes a little better and then again serious. He has had moments when he appeared perfectly rational, but it has been impossible to learn anything regarding his mysterious trip more than was learned from the papers and letters found upon his person at the time he returned home. The authorities have brought no action against him, and it is thought now that it will not be necessary.

There is some conflict in the reports of the condition of Mr. Wilson and the Wellington papers of yesterday state that he is improving.

## LIKES WICHITA BEST.

O. H. Bentley and Family Return from Colorado.

O. H. Bentley and wife and nephew, Roy Bentley of Belmont, Kingman county, returned yesterday from their month's trip in Colorado. Mr. Bentley says that he is heartily glad to return to where the crops grow naturally. While he greatly enjoyed his outing, he is tired of rocks and scenery and trout, and is more than ever convinced that this is the garden spot of the country. Mr. Bentley and his party spent two days in Colorado Springs, one week in Twin Lakes, one of the most beautiful spots in the Rockies, stayed over night in Leadville, which is now very dead on account of the strike, then went to Norris and occupied a place owned by Mr. Bentley and Mrs. Foster S. Brook of this city. Hunting and fishing was the order of the day here. After getting fully satisfied with fishing and some hunting, two days were spent in Glenwood Springs and the balance of the time in Denver. The Glenwood Springs and Denver sojourn was thoroughly enjoyed in connection with Mr. Fred Aley and wife, who were finishing their Colorado outing. Elmer Beach and family, J. A. Webb and family, Dr. John Minick and Walter Minick and wife, Hiram Norcross and wife, and P. M. A. and wife of Wichita were seen en route. County Attorney Eckstein, Arthur Noble and Phil Aherne were in camp at Norris. The radical changes made by the late Colorado law in the time for killing deer, grouse and other game has kept thousands of tourists out of Colorado this year. In addition to this prolonged labor strikes in Cripple Creek, Leadville and other mining centers has made business exceedingly dull in Colorado.

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WILL HAVE ANOTHER TRIAL.

O. W. Coffett Will Appear Before a Jury for Fourth Time.

"O. W. Coffett is to be tried in the November term of court," said County Attorney Torrance this morning in an answer to an inquiry from a Winfield Free Press reporter. Continuing he said: "I am satisfied of Coffett's guilt, notwithstanding the three trials which he has had, and which resulted in hung juries. At the fourth trial we will have some new and direct evidence to present, which, I believe, will throw new light on the case."

"Do you think it possible to get a jury in Cowley county?" was asked.

"I think it is, because of the fact that the evidence in the case is so strong and so extensively published. In my judgment it will be no more difficult to get the fourth jury than it was the third."

Bert Coffy, who was recently arrested in the territory and is now a prisoner at the county jail on the charge of murdering Geo. C. Montgomery, was mentioned in the interview. Mr. Torrance said in substance that Coffy would not be tried until after Coffett. He inferred that Coffy by knowing something about the murder and Coffett's plan of escape after killing Montgomery, Coffy is thought to be a man seen at Hackney the night of the murder.

Coffett's three trials for the murder of Santa Fe Detective Montgomery resulted in hung juries. In the first seven were for conviction and five for acquittal; in the second, nine for acquittal, and the third six and six.

## DIVORCE AND ALIMONY.

Mrs. Ursula Seigel Seeks Legal Separation in Courts.

Ursula C. Seigel filed a suit in the district court yesterday in which she asks that she be granted a divorce from George H. Seigel, to whom she alleges she was married in Philadelphia May 15, 1902. She states in her petition that she has conducted herself as a faithful and loving wife and that at all times was willing to carry her part of the marriage vows. Notwithstanding this she states, the defendant treated her with extreme cruelty at various times and on the 26th of July, 1902, carried and abused her and threatened her with bodily injury. She alleges that she refused to treat her with the kindness and consideration due her, that he neglected her and finally in August

## CATARH DESTROYS THE KIDNEYS.

GRANVILLE M. HOY, Sheridan, Ind., Past Grand, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Lodge 51 in a recent letter says:

"I suffered for years with liver complaint, causing me severe pains and a peculiar weakness across the small of the back, so that it was hard to stoop, and sometimes very painful to walk about. I had used so much medicine without deriving any help that I just let it go until a neighbor was cured of Bright's Disease by Peruna. That led to my using it, and before I had used ten bottles I was cured. I consider it almost miraculous."

## A Gentleman of Prominence Endorses Pe-ru-na.

Hon. Louis E. Johnson, son of the late Reverend Johnson, who was United States Senator from Maryland, also Attorney General under President Johnson, and U. S. Minister to England, and was regarded as the greatest constitutional lawyer that ever lived. In a recent letter from 1005 P street, N. W., Washington, D. C., Mr. Johnson says:

"No one should longer suffer from catarrh when Peruna is accessible. To my knowledge it has caused relief to so many of my friends and acquaintances that it is humanity to commend its use to all persons suffering with this distressing disorder of the human system."—Louis E. Johnson.

## Hundreds of Dollars Spent in Vain.

Mr. Cyrus Hershman, Sheridan, Ind., writes:

"Two years ago I was a sick man. Catarrh had settled in the pelvic organs, making life a burden and giving me little hope of recovery. I spent hundreds of dollars in medicine which did me no good. I was persuaded by a friend to try Peruna. I took it two weeks without much improvement, but I kept on with it and soon began to get well and strong very fast. Within two months I was cured and have been well ever since. I am a strong advocate of Peruna."—C. Hershman.

Peruna cures catarrh of the kidneys, liver and other pelvic organs, simply because it cures catarrh wherever located. No other systemic catarrh remedy has as yet been devised. Insist upon having Peruna. There are no medicines that can be substituted.

"The claim of Peruna to being the standard catarrh remedy of the world is based upon the following facts:

It has the endorsement of innumerable hospitals.

A great number of physicians.

Over fifty United States congressmen and senators.

Tens of thousands of the masses and classes.

Peruna is not a cure-all. It cures just

one disease—catarrh. It cures catarrh wherever located.

It cures catarrh of whatever kind. It cures catarrh in whatever stage or phase.

Mr. Geo. King, Deputy Sheriff of Rensselaer Co., N. Y., for years was a well known merchant of Troy. In a letter from No. 45 King St., Troy, N. Y., he writes:

"Peruna cured me from what the doctors were afraid would turn into Bright's Disease, and after you have gone through the suffering that I have with catarrh of the bladder and kidney trouble, and have been cured you are pretty apt to remember the medicine that did the work."

"Peruna is a blessing to a sick man. Eight bottles made me a well man and were worth more than a thousand dollars to me. I cannot speak too highly of it. It is now four years since I was troubled and I have enjoyed perfect health since. Every spring and fall I take a bottle of it and it keeps me well. I freely recommend Peruna."—George King.

If you do not derive prompt and satisfactory results from the use of Peruna, write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case and he will

abandon her. She states that he has failed to write to her since his departure and that she does not know of his whereabouts. She asks that she be granted an absolute divorce, custody of one child, costs of the case and reasonable alimony during the pendency of the action. The attorneys for the plaintiff are Blake & Ayers.

## THE BEST EVER HERE.

Robinson Big Circus.

East Penn Daily, Aug. 29, speaks as follows:

"While the entire performance of the Robinson combination this year is remarkably clean cut and high class, yet the act of the educated circus is by far the stellar attraction of the show. Educated seals have been seen before, but never such that had reached such a high state of civilization as those with the Robinson Circus. Their acts were most astounding. The wire work of the Alpine family was also noteworthy, and the performing elephants and equestrian acts were all above the ordinary. Memphis, whose dare devil act of looping the loop in an automobile takes so little time that it is over almost before it begins, evidently does not value his highly. His act is a nerve racking exhibition of fearlessness."

Will exhibit in Wichita on September 8.

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GRIMES TALKS FOR MULVANE.

Says the Other Fellows Are Not Fooling the Committee.

Ex-State Treasurer Frank Grimes is actively at work for his friend, Mr. David W. Mulvane, who is national committee man for Kansas. Mr. Grimes sees some chance of an effort to defeat Mr. Mulvane for re-election, and is against it.

Mr. Grimes is quoted as saying:

"At the proper time the many friends of D. W. Mulvane intend to make an aggressive campaign for him as national committee man. Mulvane is strong and popular with his friends and the people. My observation is that a secret movement is going on over the state by certain persons in the Republican party against him, but that is not fooling Mulvane and his friends."

## LITTLE CHILD BURIED.

Was Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dixon of 1129 Wichita Street.

The funeral of Ursula Bell Dixon, the child of Mr. and Mrs. Dixon of 1129 Wichita street, took place yesterday forenoon at 2 o'clock at the home of the parents and the little body was buried in the cemetery east of the city. The child was only two and one-half months old and had been sick for some time before its death.

## BIG GROCERS' MEETING.

James Tapp Goes to Leavenworth as a Delegate.

James Tapp leaves Monday evening for Leavenworth, where he goes as a delegate from the Retail Grocers' association of this city to the state meeting of the Re-



## Pe-ru-na Cures Catarrh of the Kidneys.

Men of Dignity and Prominence Endorse Pe-ru-na.

Major T. H. Mars, of the First Wisconsin Cavalry Regiment, writes from 1425 Dunlap St., Chicago, Ill., the following letter:

"For years I suffered with catarrh of the kidneys. I took Peruna for four months, and am now well and strong and feel better than I have done for the past twenty years, thanks to Peruna."—T. H. Mars.

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TO ASSIST COMMITTEE.

Members of U. V. U. and W. V. R. U. Who Will Assist in Reunion.

The committee of the Union Veterans' Union, appointed to act on matters of the annual reunion with the executive committee of the association are Judge Tucker, Col. Robb and W. B. Mollen.

Those to represent the Women's Veterans Relief Union are Mesdames Judge Tucker, Helen Mason and Sallie Whitte.

The executive committee of the association meets today at the court house, at 4 o'clock p. m.

## CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION.

Will Be Held in This City November 15.

The annual examination for postoffice service will be held in this city November 15, 1903. Applications for this examination will be received up to hour of closing business October 15. Blankes can be procured of the secretary of the board of examination at money order window of the postoffice.

## NEW KINDERGARTEN OPENING.

Miss Shultz Will Begin Work September 14.

The mission kindergarten that was to have opened Monday morning in the commodious rooms of the Unitarian church, corner of Topeka and Central avenues, has been so completely wrecked by Miss Shultz's serious attack of malarial fever, that it is impossible